

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1. (currently amended): A medical image handling system comprising:
  - a) a monitor for displaying a medical image;
  - b) a processor configured to process a control of judging presence or absence of an inputting of the image reading report corresponding to the medical image displayed on said monitor, displaying an image for inputting an ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report corresponding to the medical image displayed on said monitor in a case where the input of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report is judged to be absent, and restricting a change of displaying the medical image in a case where the inputting of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report is judged to be absent; and
  - c) an input device for inputting an ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report corresponding to the medical image displayed on said monitor on the basis of a user instruction.
2. (currently amended): A medical image handling system according to claim 1, wherein said processor judges presence or absence of the inputting of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report corresponding to the medical image displayed on said monitor when the medical image displayed on said monitor is changed.

3. (currently amended): A medical image handling system according to claim 1, wherein[[:]] the processor requests an inputting of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report, in a case where the inputting of the image reading report is judged to be absent.

4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A medical image handling system according to claim 3, wherein said processor measures a time elapsing from the display of the medical image on said monitor and judges presence or absence of the inputting of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report corresponding to the displayed medical image when the measured time exceeds a predetermined time.

6. (currently amended): A medical image handling system comprising:

- a) a monitor for displaying a medical image;
- b) a processor configured to process a control of judging presence or absence of the inputting of the ~~image reading~~ a diagnosis report corresponding to the displayed medical image, to display an image for inputting an ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report corresponding to the medical image displayed on said monitor in a case where the input of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report is judged to be absent, and to input which indicates absence of observation instead of an ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report input by the input device, in a case where the inputting of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report is judged to be absent and the medical image displayed on the monitor is changed, or in a case where a predetermined time has elapsed; and

c) an input device for inputting a diagnosis report corresponding to the medical image displayed on said monitor on the basis of a user instruction.

7. and 8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended): A medical image handling method comprising:

- a) a step of displaying a medical image;
- b) a step of judging presence or absence of an inputting of ~~an image~~ reading diagnosis report corresponding to the displayed medical image;
- c) a step of displaying an image for inputting ~~an image reading~~ diagnosis report corresponding to the medical image displayed in a case where the input of the image reading report is judged to be absent; and
- d) a step of restricting a change of displaying the displayed medical image, in a case where the inputting of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report is judged to be absent.

10. (currently amended): A medical image handling method according to claim 9, wherein said step of judging presence or absence of the inputting of the ~~image~~ reading diagnosis report is executed in the case that the displayed medical image is changed.

11. (currently amended): A medical image handling method according to claim 9, wherein, in said judging step, a time elapsing from the display of the medical

image in said displaying step is measured, and presence or absence of the inputting of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report is judged in a case in which the measured time exceeds a predetermined time.

12. (currently amended): A medical image handling method according to claim 9, further comprising a step of requesting an input of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report corresponding to the displayed medical image, in a case where the inputting of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report is judged to be absent.

13. and 14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended): A medical image handling method comprising:  
a) a step of displaying a medical image on a monitor;  
b) a step of judging presence or absence of an inputting of an ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report corresponding to the displayed medical image from an input device;

c) a step of displaying an image for inputting an ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report corresponding to the medical image displayed in case where the input of the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report is judged to be absent; and

d) a step of inputting an ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report which indicates absence of observation instead of an ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report input by the input device, in a case where the inputting of the image reading report is judged to be absent and

the medical image displayed on the monitor is changed, or in a case where a predetermined time has elapsed.

16. and 17. (canceled).

18. (currently amended): A medical image handling method according to claim 15, wherein the ~~image reading~~ diagnosis report inputted [[by]] in said inputting step includes either of a name of an image reading person or an image display time.

19. - 51. (canceled).